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TAGS: MARR TECH JA

SUBJ: ALLEGED RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION IN OKINAWA

REF A. NAHA 25- (PASEP)

B. TOKYO 12358, DTG 161020 Z NOV 72

SUMMARY: GENSUIKYO ALLEGED RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION  
IN NAHA AND WHITE BEACH STEMMING FROM NPW VISITS.  
THIS ALLEGATION WAS EMPHATICALLY DENIED BY OKINAWA  
PREFECTURAL GOVT, RESEARCH ORGANIZATION WHICH MADE  
ERRONEOUS STUDY, AND GOJ SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
AGENCY (STA). ALLEGATION DID, HOWEVER,  
MAKE FIRST ALBEIT PASSING REFERENCE TO STA STUDY  
(REF B) WHICH REPORTED PRESENCE OF COBALT 60  
IN SINGLE SAMPLE OF SHELLFISH IN WHITEBEACH AREA.  
END SUMMARY.

1. ( U) TOKYO PRESS JUNE 14 AND 15 ALSO FRONT PAGED  
OKINAWA GENSUIKYO ( ANTI A- H BOMB COUNCIL) CHARGES  
THAT RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION COMING FROM NPW VISITS TO  
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NAHA AND WHITE BEACH HAD BEEN REPORTED IN STUDY BY TOKYO- BASED " POLICY SCIENCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE". STUDY COMMISSIONED BY OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVT REPORTEDLY SAID: " HIGH READING OF COBALT 60 IN GIANT CLAM ( SHAKO GAI) IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. ALSO READINGS AT LEVELS HARMFUL TO MAN APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN UNPUBLISHED DATA OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION OF OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVT."

2. ( U) QUERIED BY EMBASSY ON FOREGOING, FONOFF DREW OUR ATTENTION TO " ASAHI" ARTICLE JUNE 15 ON SUBJECT. IT REPORTED DENIAL OF ALLEGATION FROM THREE SOURCES:

A. OKINAWA PREFECTURAL GOVT JUNE 14 ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAD QUERIED RESEARCH INSTITUTE ON SUBJECT, AND HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT QUOTED PORTION OF REPORT WAS COMPLETELY ERRONEOUS. INSTITUTE SAID IT HAD NOT MADE FIELD STUDY OF RADIOACTIVE POLLUTION ON OKINAWA, BUT HAD RELIED ON STA STUDY CONDUCTED MAY 1972. OPG ALSO DENIED WITHHOLDING DATA AS ALLEGED.

B. RESEARCH INSTITUTE DIRECTOR MASUHARA ADMITTED FIGURES ON LEVELS OF RADIOACTIVITY WERE ERRONEOUS; RESEARCHER USED FIGURES RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS VICE STA RADIOACTIVITY DATA.

C. STA OFFICIAL ( INADATE) UNDERLINED SERIOUSNESS OF ERROR AND REPERCUSSIONS FROM IT, AND DEMANDED RETRACTION OR REVISION OF STUDY.

3. ( C) FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THAT BECAUSE OF THE CATEGORICAL NATURE OF THESE DENIALS, GENSUIKYO CHARGES HAVE BEEN DEMOLISHED, AND ISSUE IS NOT LIKELY TO COME UP AGAIN. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT ANYONE HAS MADE REFERENCE TO STA STUDY REPORTING MINISCULE LEVEL COBALT 60 IN SINGLE SAMPLE OF SHELLFISH IN  
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